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The Latest Initiatives to Strengthen America's National Security

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Congressman Fossella's strong support of anti-terror legislation has resulted in New York City receiving nearly \$21 billion in homeland security and recovery funding to protect residents

## Congressman Vito Fossella Secures Millions for NYC to Upgrade National Security & Protect the American People

**S**ince September 11, Congressman Vito Fossella has helped secure nearly \$21 billion for New York City to fight the war on terrorism and rebuild. This funding is

being used by the NYPD, FDNY and other first responders to protect residents of the five boroughs from future terrorist attacks.

Congressman Fossella is also leading the fight in Washington to ensure homeland security is distrib-

uted based on threat rather than population, which could generate tens of millions of additional dollars for New York to fight the war on terrorism.

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"Vito Fossella is one of the City's most effective leaders in securing homeland security funding. The Congressman has been a leader in fighting to redistribute the homeland security and firefighter assistance grants to areas with the greatest threat. New Yorkers are lucky to have Vito fighting for us in Washington."

**-- Mayor Michael Bloomberg**



Congressman Fossella discusses the war on terror with residents and initiatives to secure funding for New York City to protect our families from future attacks.



Congressman Vito Fossella discusses the war with American soldiers from New York during Memorial Day 2003 visit to Iraq.

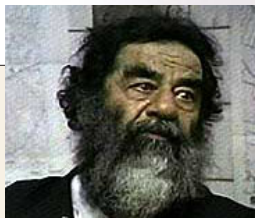
# Top 10 Ways



Congressman Vito Fossella discusses the war with American soldiers atop a roof overlooking Baghdad.

## Congressman Fossella is Helping Protect the Safety & Security of the American People

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US Military

### Fighting the War on Terrorism

The US-led war on terrorism has already led to the downfall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. The U.S. and her allies have also killed or captured a reported 60% of al-Qaeda's leaders as well as hundreds of terrorists.

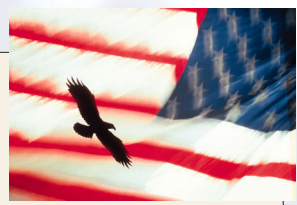
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### Strengthening Immigration Laws

- ✓ Student visa program reformed and foreign student tracking system implemented
- ✓ Created watchlists of terror suspects for use at airports and borders.
- ✓ Established program to record the entry and exit of aliens into the US and confirm compliance with visa and immigration laws.

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### Homeland Security

In the most significant reorganization of the federal government in a half-century, Congress created the Dept. of Homeland Security, bringing together the skills of 180,000 individuals from 22 different federal agencies to protect the American people from future terrorist attacks.

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### Securing Our Borders

- ✓ Implemented state-of-the-art biometric technology to deny terrorists and criminals entry.
- ✓ Increased the number of agents patrolling America's borders.
- ✓ Installed monitoring devices along the borders to detect illegal activity.

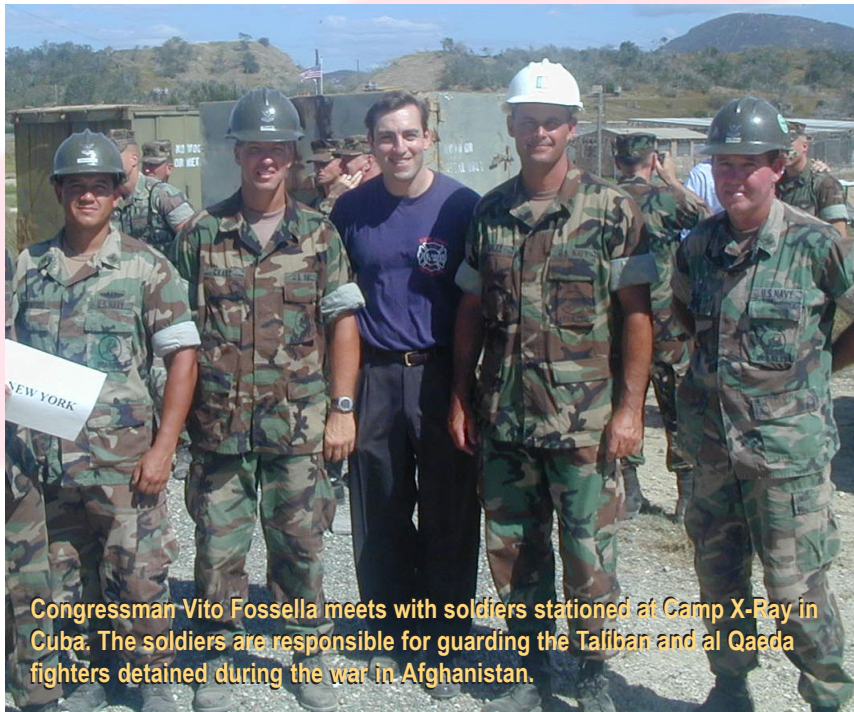
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### Increasing Funding for National Security

The Congress authorized \$31 billion this year alone to fight the war on terrorism. The President's budget for 2005 directs nearly \$34 billion to homeland security, a 9% increase over last year and nearly three times the FY 2001 levels.





Congressman Vito Fossella meets with soldiers stationed at Camp X-Ray in Cuba. The soldiers are responsible for guarding the Taliban and al Qaeda fighters detained during the war in Afghanistan.

# Congressman Fossella Calls for New Bio-Terrorism SWAT Team at Fort Hamilton

In his latest effort to strengthen Fort Hamilton and protect New Yorkers from future terrorist attacks, Congressman Fossella has called for stationing a new U.S. Army bio-terrorism rapid response team at Fort Hamilton.

Fossella said Fort Hamilton's vital role in the national security landscape of the United States makes it the perfect location to host the new unit. In the event of a bio-terror attack, the highly mobile SWAT team will work hand-in-hand with first responders to provide emergency assistance and minimize the impact on surrounding areas.

Fossella said this initiative, along with other comprehensive enhancements to our homeland security, will provide additional capabilities to protect residents of New York and surrounding areas in the event of a future terrorist attack.

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## Upgrading Port Security

- ✓ Implemented the landmark Maritime Transportation Safety Act, which significantly enhances security at ports and vessels.
- ✓ Congressman Fossella arranged the first-ever port security review on Staten Island to enhance safety at local facilities.

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## Fighting Bioterrorism

- ✓ Increased bioterrorism funding to \$6 billion, a 300% increase.
- ✓ Strengthened controls on biological agents.
- ✓ Implemented new protections on food and drug supplies.
- ✓ Increased stockpiles of antibiotics and vaccines.

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## Eliminating Terror Funding

- ✓ Strengthened the Treasury Dept's power to dismantle the terrorists' financial support structure.
- ✓ The US and allies have frozen more than \$104 million in terrorist assets.
- ✓ Classified nearly 200 individuals and groups as supporters of terrorism.

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## Equipping First Responders

First responders have received more than \$13 billion to equip and train firefighters, police officers and EMS workers to respond to a terrorist attack. More than 500,000 first responders have received special training to recognize and respond to an attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

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## Upgrading Airport Security

- ✓ Federal law enforcement officers now oversee airport security
- ✓ Explosive detection systems installed as part of enhanced baggage screening process.
- ✓ Sky Marshal force greatly expanded on domestic and international flights.



(Left): Lt. John Ulsamer was nominated to West Point by Congressman Fossella. He recently served our nation in Afghanistan.  
(Below): Congressman Fossella meets with soldiers to discuss national security.



## Lt. John Ulsamer 10th Mountain Division Stationed in Afghanistan Hometown: Staten Island, NY

"I am proud to be an American, and I am proud to serve my country in the war on terrorism. I am also proud to claim Vito Fossella as my congressman. He has supported the troops overseas both personally and professionally. His trip to visit soldiers in Iraq over Memorial Day and his legislative support for the military are a great indicator of his dedication to the men and women in uniform. I know there is no leader more focused on protecting New Yorkers from future acts of terror than Vito."

-- Lt. John Ulsamer

## Fossella Authors Law Establishing Sept. 11 as "Patriot's Day"

To honor the memories of the those killed in the terror attacks, Congressman Fossella authored legislation establishing September 11th as "Patriot's Day," a federal national day of remembrance much like Pearl Harbor Day.



The winning design of the Brooklyn Memorial, entitled "Beacon."

In addition, Congressman Fossella helped secure \$180,000 in federal funding to create a "Garden of Healing" on the grounds of the SI Botanical Garden.

Congressman Fossella also created *Brooklyn Remembers...* to build the borough's official 9/11 memorial. The memorial will be located at the 69th St. Pier and is expected to be officially dedicated later this year.

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A blue ink signature of Vito Fossella.

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Rep. Fossella meets with two soldiers during his visit to Iraq.

**"The Congress has taken great strides to enhance our homeland security and protect the safety and security of the American people. We will continue to fight the war on terrorism and, at the same time, rebuild our great city and help the families of September 11th."**

**-- Congressman Vito Fossella**